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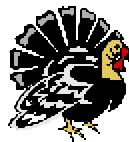
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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The market tone on 8-16 lb. hens and 16-24 lb. toms was fully steady. Demand was moderate. Offerings were adequate and held with confidence. Limited trading was reported on hens and toms. Bulk parts and meats trading was light to moderate. Demand was moderate. Offerings light to fair.



EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading centered on frozen thigh meat, tom full-cut wings and tom drums, balance slow. Demand was moderate to good. Offerings were light to adequate.

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **MAY 12, 2005**

CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/					FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/			OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/	
	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	67-69	-	-	-	-	-	-	940	MAY-OCT
CENTRAL REGION 4/	67-68	-	-	-	-	-	-	2220	MAY-OCT
WESTERN REGION 5/	67-69	-	-	-	-	-	-	720	MAY-OCT
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	66-68	-	-	-	-	-	-	1400	MAY-OCT
CENTRAL REGION 4/	66-68	68	68.00	10	-	-	-	3500	MAY-OCT
WESTERN REGION 5/	66-68	-	-	-	-	-	-	4960	MAY-OCT

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CENTRAL REGION 4/	67-68	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	67-69	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	66-68	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	66-68	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	66-68	67	67.00	20	-	-	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days. 3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting. 6/ Includes product committed for pricing during the previous 24 hours but shipment in more than 14 days from date of commitment. 7/ Includes product committed during previous 24 hours at prices to be determined at later date.

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

WEEK OF MAY 13, 2005	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	68.00 **	65.00	66.20 **
CENTRAL REGION	66.50	65.25	65.90 **
WESTERN REGION	68.00 **	67.50	65.90 **
16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	67.00 **	66.20 **	67.10 **
CENTRAL REGION	68.00	65.80 **	66.50 **
WESTERN REGION	67.00	65.45	66.50 **

**BASED ON OFFERS

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED TURKEY,
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	88-96
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	88-96
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	68-73
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	67-72
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	67-74

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
TURKEYS Y HENS	105-123
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	99-123
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	99-116
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	98-120
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	98-122

NATIONAL FRESH TURKEYS -

U.S. GRADE A, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS

(prices reflect turkeys with timers) Week of 16-MAY-2005

Price (cents/lb.) Volume (lbs.)

PRICED AT TIME OF SALE

8-16 lbs.	79.00	130,000
16-24 lbs.	77.67	60,000

PRICE TO BE DETERMINED

8-16 lbs.	--	10,000
16-24 lbs.	--	5,000

TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED IN FEDERALLY INSPECTED PLANTS

W/E 07-May-2005 BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS (PRELIMINARY)

		<u>YOUNG TURKEYS</u>		<u>TOTAL TURKEYS</u>	
		PCT CHG PW	AVG LIVE WT	OLD BANDED -THOUSAND HEAD-	AVG LIVE WT
-THOUSAND HEAD-					
North East	731	2	24.40	(A) 731	24.40
South Atlantic	734	16	33.01	(A) 734	33.01
North Central	2,093	0	32.21	(A) 2,093	32.21
South Central	639	1	21.17	(A) 639	21.17
West	397	22	24.01	(A) 397	24.01
U.S. total	4,594(B)	4	28.85	0	4,594
To-date					
2005	74,475(B)			59	74,534
To-date					
2004	76,036(B)			1,137	77,173

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 10,000; for the current year to date 424,000; for last year to date 815,000.

TURKEY MOVEMENT TREND (IN THOUSAND POUNDS)

Slaughter-certified ready-to-cook turkeys

April	423,567*
May 1 - 7, 2005	106,020*
To date 2005	1,764,235*
To date 2004	1,720,077*

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

W/E 07-May-2005

	<u>YOUNG</u>		<u>YOUNG</u>	<u>OLD</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
	<u>HENS</u>	<u>TOMS</u>	<u>BREEDERS</u>		<u>TURKEYS</u>
	<u>Thousands</u>				
Head	1,935	2,649	10	0	4,594
Avg Wt	16.31	38.02	25.52	0.00	28.85
Last week	1,677	2,689	44	9	4,419
Same wk yr ago	1,951	2,446	61	13	4,471
Avg Wt	15.80	37.50	25.58	27.15	27.84
To-date/2005	28,419	45,632	424	59	74,534
To-date/2004	30,757	44,464	815	137	76,173

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NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 12 MAY 2005.

The market tone on tom breast meat and tenderloins was steady, breast trim steady to fully steady, scapula steady to barely steady, wing meat with skin steady to instances weak. Demand moderate to good on breast trim, tom breast meat and destrapped tenderloins moderate, scapula light, and wing meat with skin extremely light to nil. Some increased further processed demand was noted as processors start planning schedules for the upcoming holiday weekend. Offerings of tom breast meat and destrapped tenderloins adequate, breast trim light, scapula and wing meat with skin adequate to instances burdensome. Trading moderate on frozen thigh meat for export and on fresh tom breast meat for domestic shipments, balance light. For domestic (rib breasts): plant grade 4-8 lb. 104 delivered September, Grade A non basted - 8-10 lb. 110, 10-12 lb. 130, 14-16 lb. 145; plant grade non- basted - 10-12 lb. 135, 12-14 lb 133, 14-16 lb. 145; plant grade basted 12-14 lb. breasts 125 cents delivered.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/	102.00-106.00		105.81	126
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/		W	158.00	20
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/				
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	43.00-45.00		43.52	27
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH		W	43.00	160
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	41.00		41.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	28.00		28.00	9
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	45.00		45.00	80
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN				
NECKS, TOM	31.00-32.00		31.93	86
NECKS, HEN				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		W	173.00	20
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	168.00-172.00		170.00	360
THIGH MEAT		F	85.00	160
THIGH MEAT--FRESH	88.00		88.00	10
BREAST TRIM MEAT	139.00		139.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT		W	100.00	40
TENDERLOINS	152.50		152.50	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH		F	169.51	53
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	82.00		82.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		R	35.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	37.00		37.00	20
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	43.00		43.00	20
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	25.00-29.00		27.00	208
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS		T	26.50	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	35.00	156
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	75.00-83.00		79.26	456

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.): M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Breasts are bagged; rib, back, and wing meat included; and basted.

3/ Boneless and skinless without tenderloins.

4/ 15-20% fat with skin added.

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The market tone on tom drums and necks was fully steady to firm, tom 2-joint wings steady to barely steady and tom full-cut wings steady to instance weak. Demand good on tom drums and necks and light to instances moderate on wings. Offerings of tom drums and necks extremely light to short of buyers' needs, tom 2-joint wings light to instances fully adequate and tom full-cut wings adequate to ample. Some spot strength was noted on frozen tom breast meat, -60 days age with significant freight included. Frozen thigh meat for domestic shipments traded at significant lower levels due to inventory clean-up. Trading was active with activity centered on dark items for export and fresh mechanically separated and tom full-cut wings for domestic shipments. For domestic: livers 27, fresh scapula 111-112, plant grade basted 20-24 lb. breasts 143 cents delivered. For export: fresh thigh meat 82-87 mostly 83-84 cents delivered.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	LST CDE 1/ R	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
					WTD AVG PRICE	
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		R	105.81	126	105.81	126
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/	145.00		145.00	22	151.19	42
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	98.00		98.00	80	98.00	80
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	43.00-44.00		43.23	52	42.93	459
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH	44.00-47.00		44.33	45	43.29	205
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	42.00		42.00	40	41.50	80
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	25.00-27.00		26.20	200	26.69	289
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN						
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	39.00-45.00		41.55	150	42.52	330
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN						
NECKS, TOM	32.00-34.00		32.37	122	31.46	408
NECKS, HEN						
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	177.00		177.00	40	175.67	60
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	170.00-172.00		170.50	160	170.27	600
THIGH MEAT	75.00-84.00		75.43	168	75.43	168
THIGH MEAT--FRESH	85.00		85.00	30	87.92	120
BREAST TRIM MEAT	139.00		139.00	40	139.00	80
SCAPULA MEAT		W	100.00	40	100.00	40
TENDERLOINS		R	152.50	40	152.50	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	152.00		152.00	20	152.00	20
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		R	82.00	40	82.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH	169.00-170.00		169.36	33	169.36	33
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/						
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	37.00-43.00		40.83	214	37.86	904
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	43.00-46.00		45.19	392	44.72	620
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	25.00-28.00		25.67	134	26.48	342
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM						
TAILS	27.00		27.00	80	26.83	120
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	35.00	156	35.00	156
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	82.00-85.00		83.47	392	81.58	1072

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